

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 20, 1979

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 20, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

E. W. Wehman, Chairman
Henry Turney, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Frank Gray, Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service
Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Ass'n
Dr. Earl Burnett, Science & Education Administration
Clark Bolt, KCEN-TV, Waco

The minutes of the July 13, 1979 meeting were approved on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach with the correction of page 2, paragraph 3 changed to read "The passage of Senate Bill # 568 increased district directors mileage from 8¢ per mile to 18¢ per mile and per diem from \$10.00 to \$30.00". The mileage rate was incorrectly recorded from 8¢ to 10¢. Correct amount is 18¢.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Glen Hart - Sherman County SWCD # 159
Ms. Ethel Tong - Marion-Cass SWCD # 433
Dennis Grimes, Jr. - Hood-Parker SWCD # 529
Henry D. Thuem - Hill County-Blackland SWCD # 540

A petition was received on July 5, 1979 for the inclusion of 531,064 acres of land in Kenedy and Kleberg Counties to the Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg Soil and Water conservation District # 311. Based on a favorable public hearing held on September 6, 1979, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board determined there is a need to approve the inclusion of this territory and that this inclusion is practicable and feasible.

John Millican presented a request from the Upper Neches Soil and Water Conservation District #438 to change its zone boundaries. Old descriptions of boundary lines are on school precincts and the district requests they be changed to more easily identifiable lines such as highways and creeks. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the new zone boundaries.

Mr. Antilley discussed the possibility of creating a Soil and Water Conservation District in Tom Green County. At present the Concho SWCD #201, the North Concho River SWCD # 208 and Eldorado Divide SWCD # 212 have portions of Tom Green County in their districts. It was agreed upon by the Board that a public meeting should be held in regards to this matter involving the three soil and water conservation districts and the landowners of Tom Green County.

James Moore discussed activities on Federal Water Pollution Control Act, PL 92-500, Section 208 as amended. In the June 13, 1979 Board meeting three areas were designated for initiation of preliminary planning activities as set up for the first four items of Part 1 of the State Board's Agricultural/Silvicultural Nonpoint Source Planning Procedure. A request had been received from the Texas Department of Water Resources to delete Chambers-Richland Creek - segment 0814 and substitute the Arroyo Colorado in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Task Series 230L.810 in its place. Sufficient need has not been demonstrated in the Chambers-Richland Creek to proceed with the proposed planning efforts related to agricultural runoff. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the substitution.

James Moore explained in detail on a large scale map of the area activities now in progress on the Lake Tawakoni Study-Segment 0507. Meetings are set up with the Upper Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District #530.

Jimmy Hill reported on activities in the PL 83-566, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention program, passing out a detailed report on the "Status of watershed activities in Texas".

James Moore passed out a report on watershed activities participated in by the State Board relative to PL 83-566. Planning priorities were discussed. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board decided the economics of the following four watersheds should be re-evaluated before setting additional priorities:

- (1) Alpine Creek, Brewster County
- (2) Bastrop Bayou, Brazoria County
- (3) North Fork Hubbard Creek, Shackelford County
- (4) Upper Bois d'arc Creek, Fannin and Grayson Counties

Re-evaluation should be ready for the January 1980 board meeting. Public hearings will be held before additional planning priorities are set.

James Moore discussed a letter from the Soil Conservation Service going to the Corps of Engineers concerning the Lower Rio Grande Valley flood control project.

John Millican reviewed the Annual State Meeting program. The meeting will be held in El Paso, Texas on October 2, 3, and 4, 1979. According to room reservations, approximately 1,000 people will be in attendance. The Board reviewed items for the Area Discussion Agenda.

There will be a joint meeting of the State Board and the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 2:00 p.m. on October 2, 1979 in the Charro Room, Downtown Holiday Inn, El Paso, Texas to review final details of the State Meeting.

Budd Fountain reported the Soil Conservation Service has determined three hearings on the Resource Conservation program in addition to the one scheduled in Dallas will be held to give landowners an opportunity to

give testimony without being required to travel such long distances.

Bob Buckley discussed distribution of funds in the RCA program. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to honor supplemental claims for grant funds under the Resource Conservation Act which were received prior to the August 10, 1979 deadline.

A. C. Spencer stated there will be a resolution introduced in El Paso calling for regulation of the mining of sand and gravel to the extent that it be required that land be restored to a productive state after mining is completed. The Board was asked if it desired to be named as the supervisory agency to over-see the reclamation should legislation be introduced. There was a consensus of opinion that the Board would accept this responsibility.

Mr. Spencer reported that an appointment has been made for the Board to meet with Governor Bill Clements on October 9, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. in his office in the Capitol.

Bob Buckley gave each board member a detailed financial report on the 1979 fiscal year including a detailed report of Matching Funds received by each Soil and Water Conservation District. A copy of the operating budget for the 1980 fiscal year was given to each member.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

E. W. Melman Sr.
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

10/2/79
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on September 20, 1979.

10/2/79
Date

A. C. Spencer
Executive Director